

Claims

1. A seat (10) for use in a vehicle, the seat comprising side members (45), a seat member (13, 14, 15, 16) hingedly connected to a support (12) along its top edge and supported by the side members (45), and a front panel (17) hingedly connected to the underside of the front edge of the seat member (16), so that the space below the seat member is enclosed by the side members and 10 front panel, and wherein the seat member (13, 14, 15, 16), the front panel (17), and the hinge connection (36, 40) between them comprise extruded elements.
2. A seat as claimed in claim 1 wherein the front panel 15 (17) locates onto a locating member (18) attached to the floor of the vehicle.
3. A seat as claimed in claim 2 wherein a seal (44) is provided between the front panel (17) and the locating 20 member (18).
4. A seat as claimed in claim 3 wherein both the hinge connecting the front panel (17) to the seat member (16), and the hinge connecting the seat member (13) to the support (12), are provided with seals (35, 25).
5. A seat as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the support to which the seat member is connected is a wall of the vehicle.
- 30 6. A seat as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the seat member comprises an extruded element with longitudinal strengthening ribs (32).
- 35 7. A seat as claimed in any one of the preceding claims wherein the hinge connection between the seat member (13)

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and the support (12) is formed of extruded elements (23, 24).

8. A seat as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 5 incorporating padding (54, 64), wherein the padding is supported by trays (50, 60) with sidewalls, so there is substantially no gap between adjacent areas of padding.